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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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10/01/2008: Gildas, TU5KG has left for a new campaign in the southern Indian Ocean area, around Kerguelen and Crozet Islands. For 2008 he will use a new callsign; now it's FT5XR and FT5WN and also maritime mobile. No particular dates for the moment. Further information to follow. QSL via F4EFI, bureau or direct. [F4EFI]

10/01/2008: John, KC4ZGQ will be active January 10-13th from Sapelo Island (NA-058, USi GA-007, WW Loc. EM91JL), Georgia. He plans to work mostly 17, 20 and 40 metres. Primary will be around 14.260 MHz (+/- QRM). Further information can be found on his web site at: kc4zgq.com/sapelo/ [RSGB IOTA]

10/01/2008: JI5USJ and JI5RPT will be active as KH0/JI5USJ and AH0V from Saipan (OC-086), January 10-14th. They plan to operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 80-6 metres, plus satellite and 60m for the US. QSL KH0/JI5USJ via JI5USJ, QSL AH0V via JI5RPT. A web page is available at www.ji5rpt.com/ah0v/ [425 DX News]

10/01/2008: Jack, V51KC is currently using the special Strange Radio Team (www.strangeradioteam.com/) call sign V55SRT from Okahandja, Namibia, until September, 2008. QRV on all bands, using SSB, RTTY, BPSK and PSK-31. QSL via IZ8EDJ. [F5NQL]

10/01/2008: Salvatore, YA/IZ1BWB is positioned in Kabul and has been QRV since December 23, 2007. He will remain there until August, 2008. He is regularly working for about two hours starting around 0830 UTC. His equipment consists of a FT-897D with 100 watts and a folded dipole. He has been spotted in CW on 20m already. QSL via his home call, direct or bureau. [DXNL]

11/01/2008: Peter, DL9DAK will be active from Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands as follows: January 11-14th as DL9DAK/HC2 from Guayaquil, Ecuador; January 15-18th as DL9DAK/HC8 from the Galapagos Islands (SA-004); and January 19-21st as DL9DAK/HC2 from Guayaquil, Ecuador. He will operate only digital modes (PSK, Olivia, RTTY, Feldhell, etc.) on 17, 20 and from time to time 40 metres, with vertical dipoles and 50 watts. QSL via home call. Further information at: www.dl9dak.de/ [425 DX News]

12/01/2008: The "F6KOP Team" will be active as J5C from Bubaque Island (AF-020, WLOTA LH-1146), Guinea Bissau, January 12-21, 2008. Operators include Frank/F4AJQ (leader) Jean-Marc/F8IXZ (logistic) Pascal/F5JSD, John/F5VHQ, Franck/F5TVG, Matthieu/F5PED, Beno?tF8PDR, Romain/F8BUI, Jean-Paul/F8BJI, G?rard/F2JD, G?rard/F2VX, Bernard/F9IE, Bill/N2WB, Bob/N6OX and Dieter/OE8KDK. They plan to be QRV 160-10m, with 5 stations operating 24/24, using SSB, CW, digital modes, SSTV and FM. Equipment will be IC7000, FT480, TS857D, 4 ACOM 1010 amplifiers, 4 Spiderbeams, 2 verticals and 3 dipoles. QSL via F5TVG direct, bureau OK. Further

information can be found on their web site at: www.j5c.eu/ [NG3K]

12/01/2008: Look for Gerhard, OE3GEA to be active as OE3GEA/J3 from the island of Grenada (NA-024, WLOTA LH-0718), January 12-24th. He will be QRV on all bands using low power CW only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

13/01/2008: Hans, DL7CM will be operating holiday style (with xyl) using the call 5H1CM from Uroa White Villa, Zanzibar Island (AF-032, Grid KI93, WLOTA LH-1080), Tanzania, January 13-24th. He plans to be QRV 160m to 6m, CW, SSB and RTTY with emphasis on the low bands. Hans will be using IC706 + 800 Watt amp, 31mtr long sloper for 160/80 and other wires. QSL via DL7CM direct preferred (Hans-Rainer Uebel, Hartmannsdorfer Chaussee 3, 15528 Spreenhagen, Germany), bureau ok. Further information can be found at: www.qsl.net/dl7cm/5H1.htm [NG3K]

13/01/2008: Bob, I2JIN will be active January 13-27th as YS3/I2JIN from El Salvador. He plans to operate on all bands CW ony. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

14/01/2008: Niels, OZ7FOC reports he will be active as EA8/OZ7FOC from Isla de Tenerife (DIE S-012, WLOTA LH-1276), Canary Islands (AF-004), January 14-26th. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

15/01/2008: Peter, HA3AUI reports that he will be leaving for Africa just after the New Year, 2008. During the period of January 15th and April 15th he will be QRV from Senegal (6W/, 6W2SC) and Guinea-Bissau (J5/, J5UAP). Activity will be mainly digital modes, with some SSB, on 160-10m from 6W, 30-10m from J5. This will be a long, spare time operation. QSL via HA3AUI, direct or by the bureau. [NG3K]

18/01/2008: Chae, HL5YI will be active as HL5YI/4 from Sorok Island [Sorok To] (AS-060, WLOTA LH-1252), January 18-21st. He plans to operate CW, RTTY and SSB on 80, 40, 20 and 10 metres, and to participate in the UK DX RTTY Contest (January 19-20th). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

18/01/2008: Unni, LA6RHA plans to be QRV from Svalbard [Spitsbergen Island] (EU-026, WLOTA LH-0125) using the call sign JW6RHA between January 18th and 24th. She will try to be on 14.248 MHz or down. This will be Unni's 16th time on JW-land. QSL is via LA6RHA. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

20/01/2008: Carlos, CE6AMN/p will be active from the Punta Lutrin Lighthouse (ARLHS CHI-071) 0000 UTC continuous through 2359 UTC on January 20th. QRV 10-40m, using SSB/CW. QSL via home call. [ARLHS]

21/01/2008: Andrew, G7COD, will be QRV for the forth time from Embudu Island, South Male Atoll (WLOTA LH-3911), Maldive Islands (AS-013) using the call 8Q7AK from January 21st to February 2nd. Using mainly SSB with a little CW, he will be operational every day from approximately 0900 to 1100, 1400 to 1600 and 1800 to 1830 UTC. Spot frequencies to be used are 7.093, 10.123, 14.147, 18.133, 21.253 and 24.953 MHz (+/- 10kHz). For complete details of operating times, spot frequencies, QSL information etc., please check 8Q7AK on QRZ.com.
IMPORTANT NOTE: "I am completely up to date with the return of QSL's for those received direct and/or eQSL's. If you have not received yours, please send your QSL again".

IMPORTANT NOTE: "If you have not received a return QSL for cards sent via the bureau this is because of the slow process rate. I will return cards via the bureau as soon as possible, as and when I receive them". All QSL's should be sent via the bureau or direct to G7COD. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

09/02/2008: John, KX7YT will be active from Dhaka, Bangladesh as S21YV during the CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest (February 9-10th), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via KX7YT (John Core, 9831 NW Silver Ridge Loop, Portland, Oregon 97229, USA). [NG3K]

11/02/2008: Ulf, DK5TX will be active February 11-17th as PA/DK5TX from Goeree Overflakkee (EU-146). QRV on 2m (SSB/slow-CW), 6m (SSB/slow-CW) and 10-80m (SSB/slow-CW/RTTY). QSL via home call, bureau preferred or direct (QRZ.com). Email request for a bureau card can be made to dk5tx@gmx.net instead of sending a QSL. [RSGB IOTA]

12/02/2008: Look for Yuri, VE3DZ to be active from Belize as V31?? (call pending) between February 12-18th. He will also participate in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

13/02/2008: Koya/JI5RPT (JD1BLY), Motoaki/JE1EKS (JD1BMO) and Iseki/JM1WBB (JD1BMP) will be active from Chichijima Island (AS-031, WW Loc. QL17CB, JCG#1007), Ogasawara, on 160m to 6m + Satellite CW/SSB/DIGI + 2m WSJT EME from February 13-28th. The team will have 1st time 2m EME 500Watts license during in this expedition. They plan to focus on 160m, 80m and 2m EME. They also plan to be active in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via home calls. Further information on their web site at: www.ji5rpt.com/ogasawara2008/jd1-2008.php [NG3K]

15/02/2008: Look for Yoshi AB2ST/KH2, Toshi KB3LTB/KH2 and Toshi KG6WTW/KH2 to be QRV from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064), February 15-17th. Activity will be on HF, all bands. QSL all calls via JF1TEU, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

16/02/2008: Members of the Rhein Ruhr DX Association Contest Team, namely Falk/DK7YY, Ulf/DL5AXX, Tom/DL5LYM and Frank/DL8WAA will be active as CT9L from Santana, Madeira Island (AF-014, MA-001 for the Portuguese Islands Award, WLOTA LH-0053) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 16-17th), as a Multi-2 entry. Before and after the contest they will be QRV as CT3/homecall. QSL CT9L via DJ6QT, direct or bureau. QSL others via their home calls. [NG3K]

01/03/2008: John, KX7YT will be active from Dhaka, Bangladesh as S21YV during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 1-2nd), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via KX7YT (John Core, 9831 NW Silver Ridge Loop, Portland, Oregon 97229, USA). [NG3K]

14/03/2008: Operators Axel/DH8AK, Sebastian/DO6ELW, Dirk/DK4DJ and Henning/DK9LB will be active as homecall/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, O-01 for the German Islands Award) from March 14-21st. They will also activate two lighthouses: Marienleuchte - Old Tower (ARLHS FED-151) and Marienleuchte - New Tower (ARLHS FED-016, WLOTA LH-0637). QRV 80-10m SSB/PSK31 and 2m SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

25/03/2008: Mike, WA2VQW reports that the W2RZS amateur radio club will be active in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) from the island of Saint Barthelemy (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA LH-0377). The team, consisting of Bob/WB2NVR, Mike/WA2VQW, Bob/N2DVQ and Adam/N2DHH will be on the island from March 25th to April 1st. QRV on 160m and the WARC bands before and after the contest, and on the bands 160-10m during the WPX. They will be looking out for the weak ones and especially the mobiles. A special call sign has been requested for this event. QSL via W2RZS for direct replies, and the bureau. [NG3K]

21/05/2008: Bob, K0OK will be active May 21-28th as VP5/K0OK from Providenciales Island [aka Provo] (NA-002). He will also participate in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) using the call sign VP5E. Outside the contest look for activity on all bands. QSL VP5/K0OK via home call, direct (Robert D Novak, 26502 Esteban Mission, Viejo, CA 92692-3355 USA) or LoTW. QSL VP5E via K0OK either direct, bureau or LoTW. [RSGB IOTA]

23/05/2008: Mike, DF3IS will be active May 23-28th from Thasos Island (EU-174, MIA MG-124, WLOTA LH-4186 [Nisos Thasos]), Greece, using the call sign J48IS. He will also participate in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) using the same call. QSL via his home call, direct or bureau - NO E-QSL !!! [NG3K]

26/07/2008: Look for Jon, M0OVL/p to be active July 26-27th from Holy Island/Lindisfarne (EU-120) for the RSGB IOTA Contest. QSL via home call, direct or by the RSGB bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

06/09/2008: Tom, DL4VM will be active as OZ/DL4VM from R?m? Island (EU-125, NS-001 for the Danish Islands Award) between September 6th and 20th. He will work only QRP 5 watts and only CW on 40m, 20m and 15m and perhaps 10m and 6m depending on conditions. QSL via home call, direct (Thomas Scheliga, Stockenbruch 12, 66119 Saarbr, Germany) or by the bureau. [RSGB IOTA]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/01/2008: Nike Hercules Memorial Year - The last symbol of Cold War left the launcher of an Italian Air Force base last November 24th 2006. Nike Hercules missile system was a Silent Guardian of the European N.A.T.O. skys and some Asian States for the all the second half of the last Century. Special event station II3NIK will be aired January, 1st 2008 until June, 30th 2008 to commemorate this event. QRV on 80m, 40m, 30m and 20m bands, using SSB, CW and PSK31 modes. All the contacts made with the II3NIK special event station will be confirmed via bureau or via direct to the address manager: IZ3JJD Andrea Zecchinato, Vicolo Gorizia 1/A, 35020 Albignasego (PD), ITALY. More information and photos at: www.iz3jjd.eu/I%20I%203%20N%20I%20K.htm [IZ3JJD]

01/01/2008: The Belgian Air Force Amateur Radio Association (BAFARA) celebrates its 40th anniversary and will activate the special call sign ON40BAF during 2008. QSL via ON6KN, direct or via bureau. [DXNL]

01/02/2008: Special event station 8J8SSF will be aired February 1-11th to celebrate the 60th Sapporo Snow Festival. The Sapporo Snow Festival (Sapporo Yuki Matsuri) is held during one week every February in Hokkaido's capital Sapporo. The festival is best known for the ice sculpture competition attracting artists from around the world, competing to create the largest and most elaborate artworks from ice and snow. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

09/02/2008: The Swedish Heathkit Club, SK7XN located in Huskvarna, Sweden, will be QRV February 9th (0700z-1800z) for Heathkit Activity Day and to celebrate the birth of Howard Anthony. Look for activity on 3.540, 3.700, 14.040 and 14.287 MHz. A special QSL card will be available by sending a direct request to: Swedish Heathkit Club, Mats Gunnarsson, Baldersgatan 6, Ljungby SE-341 33, SWEDEN. The Swedish Heathkit Club web site can be found at: www.heathkit.se/ [SK7XN]

18/02/2008: The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club is celebrating its 50th birthday in January 2008. The original club was formed as the 'Blue Mountains Radio Club' in 1958, by the late Bill Moore after the disastrous bushfires that raged through the Blue Mountains in November and December of 1957. Bill held the callsign VK2HZ. By request, VK2HZ was adopted by the current Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club Inc after Bill became a silent key. It was 1974 when the club became 'The Blue Mountains Amateur Radio Club'. The current club still has 3 members who were members of the original club. A special call sign to commemorate the 50 years has also been allocated by the ACMA. The call sign is VI2BMARC50 and will only be valid for 10 days from January 18th to January 28th 2008. A special QSL card will be available for all stations contacting VI2BMARC50. Further information can be found at: www.bmarc.org/ [Southgate ARC]

15/05/2008: On the occasion of the European soccer competition 2008, special event stations OE2008A-Z and HB2008A-Z will be QRV May 15th up to June 30th. A relevant award is also available for working these stations. For more information visit: www.uska.ch/ [UBA HF News]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

10/01-21/01 J5C: Bubaque Island WLOTA LH-1146 QSL F5TVG (d/b)
12/01-24/01 OE3GEA/J3: Grenada Island WLOTA LH-0718 QSL H/C (d/b)
13/01-24/01 5H1CM: Zanzibar Island WLOTA LH-1080 QSL DL7CM (d/b)
14/01-26/01 EA8/OZ7FOC: Isla de Tenerife WLOTA LH-1276 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/01-16/01 FJ/W6IZT: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA LH-0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
17/01-20/01 VK7AAP/3: Australia (Main) WLOTA LH-1520 QSL IK1PMR (d)
17/01-20/01 VK7CLA/3: Australia (Main) WLOTA LH-1520 QSL IK1PMR (d)
18/01-21/01 HL5YI/4: Sorok To WLOTA LH-1252 QSL H/C (d/b)
18/01-24/01 JW6RHA: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA LH-0125 QSL LA6RHA (d/b)

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J5C Diary -

Dakar, today (January 10th), 1800 utc from Frank, F4AJQ via Serge, F6AML and John, F5VHQ via Pilot Bruno, F5AGB.

All is OK at the sunset landing in Dakar.

At the Dakar Airport Murielle and Daniel, 6W7RP, made a big surprise by welcoming the crew members for their first steps 2008 in Africa.

During the flight, the crew members have been divided in little teams who were each assigned their instructions for setting up the gear.

All of them know what they will have to do and to each one tomorrow.

This being the case the schedule for the first signals is maintained, late in the evening, but maybe we will have a good surprise around the

Bubaque sunset.

More than ever have a look on the DX clusters

More info and pictures to follow.

Maurice, F5NQL, Internet Communications Officer for J5C.
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TI9K - COCOS ISLAND - UPDATE
We started planning with one generator and 3 radio stations. But too many hams are waiting for a contact with Cocos Island. Now we'll have 7 stations plus one EME-station on air. Now we have 4 generators. But the costs are growing, too. Experienced hams, who worked on the radio on Scarboroughreef or Heard Island join the team. Please consider to support our team." Andy EA2CRX/DH8WR, teamleader. Full details at: //www.ti9.eu.com/
TI9K will be QRV from Coco's island (NA-012) starting from 04/02/2008 up to 16/02/2008, all bands and modes. QSL via the bureau to EA2CRX. [UBA HF News]
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CCF PileUP! - read about about OH's on Saint Barthelemy -
Words and pictures of Martti and Olli on St. Barthelemy:
http://www.helsinki.fi/%7Ekorpela/PU/PU4_2007.pdf [AD1C]
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On-line logs for OC6I Isla La Leona SA-098 December 29-30, 2007 and OC1I Isla Lobos de Tierra SA-076 January 2-7, 2008 activations can be found at dx.qsl.net/logs/index.html

On-line log search for TO5FJ, St. Barthelemy, can be found at:
www.f6exv.org/LOG_ONLINE/ [K4HB]

CLIPPERTON 2008 - The website of the next Clipperton DXpedition 2008, is now available both in English and French languages at:
www.clipperton2008.org/ [F5NQL]

>From Rafik, F5CQ his QSL manager - Freddy FO5RU is finally active until January 21st 2008, and hopes to be back home on January 25th. He's preparring his QSL card project, and the first batch of QSL cards is expected as soon as possible. Allow some time for the ending of the project designing and printing. This weekend Rafik expects a new log update, to be uploaded at
www.f5cq.net/dxp/2007-FO5RU/searchlog_fo5ru.php.
Freddy regrets so few European stations in his log. [F5NQL]

Marquesas FO - "Fellows: 0820 UTC, Thursday! Just got a message from FO that one station is now QRV on 40M CW with R8 hoisted in the dark. More power at their day break! Martti, OH2BH, Pilote"
The log will soon be put online at:
sm0w.com/marquesas/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=30&Itemid=33 [F5NQL]
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Antarctic Activities Week
(www.waponline.it/Default.aspx?tabid=113)

Between February 18-24th will happen the 5th Antartic Activity Week (AAW). A lot of special call signs have been announced. Among them -

FRANCE - Look for Jean-Claude, F5IL to be active as TM5ICE (WAP-127) from February 15-19th, from his QTH in the Eure department/27

(Normandy). Mainly on digital modes, RTTY & PSK31. Active also in CW, for the DDFM award hunters, and a little SSB. QSL via F5IL, direct (sae + postage) or via the REF-Union-bureau.

FRANCE - TM8ANT (WAP-14) by Fran?ois, F8DVD in HF, CW/SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct (sae+postage) or via the REF-Union-bureau.

Other callsigns announced today January 10th 2008:
VA2WAP WAP-109 by VE3LHP - QSL via VE3LHP
VA3WAP WAP-111 by VA3NQ - QSL via VA3NQ
IR1ANT WAP-02 by I1HYW - QSL via I1HYW
UE6ANT WAP-24 by UA6GG (UA6HPR) - QSL via UA6HPR
IU8ANT WAP-44 by I8QJU - QSL via I8QJU
IO4WAP WAP-124 by IK4QIB - QSL via IK4QIB
OE3HM/AAW WAP-125 by OE3HM - QSL via OE3HM
OE3AGA/AAW WAP-126 by OE3AGA - QSL via OE3AGA
OE3WWB/AAW WAP-85 by OE3WWB - QSL via OE3WWB
OE3RPB/AAW WAP-86 by OE3RPB - QSL via OE3RPB
OE3KTA/AAW WAP-87 by OE3KTA - QSL via OE3KTA
OE3KKA/AAW WAP-88 by OE3KKA - QSL via OE3KKA
OE3AIS/AAW WAP-89 by OE3AIS - QSL via OE3AIS
OE3SGA/AAW WAP-90 by OE3SGA - QSL via OE3SGA
HB9ICE WAP-81 by HB9BHY @ Swissair Radio Club - QSL via HB9BHY
VA7AAW WAP-70 by VE7IG - QSL via VE7IG
DA0ANT WAP-128 by DC2SF - QSL via DC2SF
IR1AAW WAP-129 by IW1CYZ - QSL via IW1CYZ
IR2WAP WAP-130 by IK2FIQ - QSL via IK2FIQ
II3ANT WAP-131 by IZ3DBA (CW only) - QSL via IZ3DBA
N5T/ANT WAP-91 by W5BOS - QSL via W5BOS
IO0ANT WAP-35 by I0YKN - QSL via I0YKN
II2EFA WAP-132 by Italian Air Force & ARI Gallarate - QSL via IW2MNO
K4A WAP-73 by K6EID - QSL via K6EID
GB0ANT WAP-72 by M0OXO - QSL via M3ZYZ
IP0ANT WAP-136 by IZ0HAM - QSL via IZ0HAM
GB4IPY WAP-98 by M0OXO - QSL via M3ZYZ
AO1WAP WAP-137 by EA1CUB, EA1WX, EC1AIJ, EC1KV, EB1BOA, EA1EEY, EA1AST, EA1GHT, EA1AUM - QSL via EA1CS
II1ANT WAP-032 by IZ1JJE, IZ1HKE, IZ1FHF, IZ1GJK, IW1QN [F5NQL]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
Home of ICPO: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/
Contest Calendar - DX Calendar - Lighthouse Activations
Join ICPO e-Group: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/icpo_mail.html
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